

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:

The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.,  
Debtor.

Case No. 20-10322

Chapter 11

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Debtor.

**NOTICE OF FILING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that, in accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Members of Official Committees* [Docket No. 362], Blank Rome, LLP has filed the *Monthly Fee Statement of Blank Rome, LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses as Special Insurance Counsel to The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. for the Period January 1, 2024 Through January 31, 2024*, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby served upon you.

Dated: February 23, 2024

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**MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF BLANK ROME, LLP FOR COMPENSATION  
FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES  
AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL TO THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO, N.Y.  
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 JANUARY 31, 2024**

Name of Applicant: Blank Rome, LLP

Authorized to Provide Professional Services to: The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Debtor-In-Possession

Date of Retention: Order entered June 30, 2020 [Docket No. 423]  
Nunc Pro Tunc to February 28, 2020

Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought: January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024

Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary: 80% of \$3,565.16 (\$2,852.12)

Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable and necessary: \$0.00

This is a: X monthly \_\_\_\_ quarterly \_\_\_\_ final application.

This is Blank Rome's forty-fifth monthly fee statement in this case.

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DIOCESE OF BUFFALO  
 C/O JOHN M. SCHOLL  
 795 MAIN STREET  
 BUFFALO, NY 14203

INVOICE DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2024  
 CLIENT ID: 155760  
 MATTER NUMBER: 155760-00601 03348  
 INVOICE NUMBER: 2176830

**REGARDING: DIOCESE OF BUFFALO  
 INSURANCE ADVICE**

DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT	CREDITS	BALANCE
07/31/2020	1908397	\$25,484.65	(\$22,561.19)	\$2,548.46
07/31/2020	1908398	\$22,046.42	(\$19,466.78)	\$2,204.64
07/31/2020	1908399	\$55,775.57	(\$49,823.02)	\$5,577.55
07/31/2020	1908400	\$22,514.46	(\$19,888.02)	\$2,251.44
08/20/2020	1911983	\$50,783.53	(\$45,330.16)	\$5,078.37
09/22/2020	1919242	\$59,913.79	(\$53,547.41)	\$5,991.38
10/21/2020	1925894	\$44,914.95	(\$39,840.12)	\$4,491.50
11/16/2020	1931564	\$103,849.68	(\$92,881.37)	\$10,384.97
12/08/2020	1936638	\$67,978.34	(\$60,597.17)	\$6,797.83
01/28/2021	1944850	\$58,271.07	(\$51,914.37)	\$5,773.37
02/23/2021	1950370	\$43,496.36	(\$38,563.39)	\$4,349.64
03/31/2021	1957000	\$37,448.27	(\$33,120.11)	\$3,744.83
04/28/2021	1964026	\$34,425.70	(\$30,983.13)	\$3,442.57
05/26/2021	1970085	\$11,332.51	(\$10,199.26)	\$1,133.25
06/23/2021	1975333	\$5,872.42	(\$5,285.18)	\$587.24
07/26/2021	1981564	\$10,499.90	(\$9,449.91)	\$1,049.99
08/24/2021	1988112	\$24,862.74	(\$22,376.46)	\$2,486.28
09/27/2021	1993685	\$30,361.29	(\$27,325.16)	\$3,036.13
09/25/2023	2143820	\$10,749.25	(\$8,599.40)	\$2,149.85
10/11/2023	2147374	\$57,275.60	(\$46,052.06)	\$11,223.54
11/13/2023	2156018	\$128,007.25	(\$102,937.05)	\$25,070.20
12/11/2023	2163662	\$78,281.16	(\$62,876.66)	\$15,404.50
01/19/2024	2169129	\$5,547.26	\$0.00	\$5,547.26

**BALANCE FORWARD** **\$130,324.79**

ACH/WIRE		Mail
Bank Name: Address: Account Title: Account Number: ABA Number: Swift Code:	Citizens Bank Philadelphia, PA Blank Rome LLP [REDACTED] (Domestic) [REDACTED] (International)	Blank Rome LLP Attn: Finance Department One Logan Square 130 North 18 <sup>th</sup> St Philadelphia, PA 19103-6998

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MATTER NUMBER: 155760-00601 03348  
INVOICE NUMBER: 2176830

FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH 1/31/24 \$3,565.16

CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL \$3,565.16

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE, INCLUDING BALANCE FORWARD \$133,889.95

REMITTANCE

ACH/WIRE		Mail
Bank Name	Citizens Bank	Blank Rome LLP
Address:	Philadelphia, PA	Attn: Finance Department
Account Title:	Blank Rome LLP	One Logan Square
Account Number:	[REDACTED]	130 North 18 <sup>th</sup> St
ABA Number:	(Domestic)	Philadelphia, PA 19103-6998
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INSURANCE ADVICE**

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**FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	HOURS	AMOUNT
01/02/24	UPDATE SPREADSHEET OF CLAIMS WITH INFORMATION ON RECENT PROOFS OF CLAIMS AND THE CORRESPONDING INSURANCE INFORMATION	K. ROGERS	0.50	162.50
01/05/24	ANALYZE NEW CLAIMANTS POCS	H. AHN	0.40	166.32
01/05/24	DRAFT TENDER LETTERS TO INSURERS WAUSAU, EXCHANGE, AND CMG	H. AHN	0.40	166.32
01/05/24	EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE WITH R. MICHAELSON RE NEW CLAIMS AND CORRESPONDING TENDER LETTERS	H. AHN	0.10	41.58
01/08/24	REVIEW/REVISE MATRIX	R. MICHAELSON	0.30	144.38
01/08/24	REVIEW/ANALYZE POC FORMS	R. MICHAELSON	0.20	96.25
01/08/24	REVIEW/REVISE NOTICE LETTERS	R. MICHAELSON	0.20	96.25
01/09/24	REVIEW STAY DECISION; FOLLOW UP WITH S. DONATO REGARDING INSURANCE	J. MURRAY	0.40	337.26
01/09/24	ANALYZE ADDITIONAL INSURED ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO REQUEST FROM ORDERS	J. CARTER	0.90	561.33
01/11/24	REVIEW/REVISE NOTICE LETTERS	R. MICHAELSON	0.40	192.50
01/11/24	REVIEW DRAFT EMAILS AND PROVIDE COMMENTS TO R. MICHAELSON	J. CARTER	0.30	187.11
01/16/24	REVIEW FILINGS	R. MICHAELSON	0.10	48.13
01/16/24	FOLLOW UP RE INSURER CORRESPONDENCE	R. MICHAELSON	0.20	96.25
01/16/24	ANALYZE EMAIL FORWARDING LETTER FROM C. SULLIVAN REGARDING INSURER	J. CARTER	0.20	124.74
01/16/24	EMAIL TO R. MICHAELSON REGARDING LETTER FROM INSURER	J. CARTER	0.10	62.37
01/18/24	CALL WITH J. EATON RE BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS	R. MICHAELSON	0.10	48.13
01/18/24	REVIEW/ANALYZE FILINGS	R. MICHAELSON	0.50	240.63
01/24/24	REVIEW DRAFT NOTICE LETTERS AND PROVIDE COMMENTS TO R. MICHAELSON	J. CARTER	0.20	124.74

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FEBRUARY 21, 2024

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	HOURS	AMOUNT
01/26/24	REVIEW/REVISE/FINALIZE NOTICE LETTERS	R. MICHAELSON	0.90	433.13
01/26/24	CALL WITH K. ROGERS RE NOTICE	R. MICHAELSON	0.10	48.13
01/29/24	EMAIL R. MICHAELSON REGARDING EVALUATING WHETHER POLICIES COVER A RELIGIOUS ORDER	J. CARTER	0.30	187.11
TOTAL SERVICES				\$3,565.16

CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL \$3,565.16

**TIME AND FEE SUMMARY**

TIMEKEEPER	RATE	HOURS	FEES
JAMES CARTER	623.70	2.00	1,247.40
JAMES MURRAY	843.15	0.40	337.26
ROBYN MICHAELSON	481.25	3.00	1,443.78
HANNAH K. AHN	415.80	0.90	374.22
KEVIN ROGERS	325.00	0.50	162.50
TOTALS		6.80	\$3,565.16